



MACHILUS NANMU. NANMU TREE.

Photograph taken by Mr. E. H. Wilson, collector for the Arnold Arboretum, near Shih-Fang Hsien, Western Szechuan, China, May 19, 1908. This tree which grows in the moist climate of Szechuan, in about the latitude of New Orleans, furnishes some of the most highly prized timber used by the Chinese. The Imperial palaces are finished in this wood, the coffins of the rich, constructed of massive planks, are usually made of this wood, which is rapidly becoming scarce in its native region because of its slow growth. As the tree reaches a height of more than a hundred feet with a diameter of five feet it produces a large amount of timber per tree, but its slow growth may make it unprofitable except as an ornamental tree in this country. The first introduction of the seed has been so recent that we are not yet in position to say as to what part of the country it may be best suited for, but the very moist climate of Szechuan indicates that a considerable degree of humidity will be required. Plant Introduction No. 29485.